

MILLER LEASE A CERTAIN WINNER

MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY OUNCES OF SILVER AND GOLD PER TON.

GOLDFIELD, March 31.—After a period of more or less uncertainty, the Miller lease at Rawhide is beginning to assume the aspect of a permanent shipper, and with chances of making the present owners wealthy. John B. Rourke, chief deputy county clerk and treasurer, who is interested in the lease, has returned from Rawhide and says that the property never looked better. One hundred and three tons were recently sent out from the lease to the Murray mill. The returns showed that the ore carried about 451 ounces to the ton in gold and silver. This ore was taken, moreover, from the dump, and was extracted at about the 135-foot level. Two gold bricks were the result, valued at \$4,000, on a conservative basis. The amalgam from the Miller lease is running about \$10 an ounce, and if this average should be maintained the property will prove to be one of the finest in the state. Heretofore the Miller ore has been sent to outside mills, and the company was compelled to screen it before shipment, thus involving considerable expense. The 103 tons sent to the Murray mill were in the nature of a test run, and the result has proven highly satisfactory. The refined bullion gave returns of 451 ounces, which will be sent to the mint at Carson City.

"I can not say more about the property," said Mr. Rourke. "It certainly looks very encouraging, and I only hope that the record will not be broken. Rawhide appears to be getting again into the race, and with the milling facilities now at its disposal there should be no trouble in running up a goodly monthly tonnage."

Incidentally, Mr. Rourke has a good sized vial filled with gold dust, including some fair-sized nuggets, the result of only three pannings from the Miller lease.

PIUTES ABANDON THEIR BURIAL CUSTOMS

WINNEMUCCA (Nev.), April 1.—A Plute squaw by the name of Josie Miller died at the Indian camp Monday evening. She had been ill for over a month. "Josie," as she was commonly called was a native of Winnemucca and about thirty years of age. The funeral was held yesterday and her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery across the river. The Indian custom of burying their dead in the mountains among the rocks has become obsolete and they are adopting the burial rites of the palefaces.

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STRIKE MUD SEAM WHICH CARRIES GOLD

The Reeves, Todd and McNally lease on the Consolidated at Manhattan, formerly operated by Sowell and Searight, at this time is one of the most interesting being operated in that district. When this ground was first opened up a big ore deposit eighty feet deep was encountered. From this deposit a vertical mud seam about six inches in width was followed down and now at a point of thirty-five feet the seam has widened out to fifteen inches and carries values estimated to be better than \$30 to the ton. A peculiar fact in connection with this mud seam is that it carries nearly all its values in coarse gold, some of the nuggets weighing as much as two pennyweight. Also through the seam is found quartz carrying specimen gold.

NEW PIONEER COMPANIES.

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday at the county clerk's office for the Fitzgerald Pioneer Leasing company. The principal office of the company is named at Pioneer. The capitalization of the concern is placed at \$1,000,000. The incorporators are R. W. Fitzgerald, W. L. Marks, B. H. Hage, George H. Cook, and J. R. Bryan of Pioneer, and S. F. Lindsay of Rhyolite.

The Nevada Pioneer Gold Mining company also filed articles of incorporation and name Pioneer as the principal place of business. The amount of authorized capital stock is named at \$1,000,000, with the same number of shares. Joseph D. O'Brien, J. R. Johnson and G. K. Vaughn, of Pioneer, are the incorporators.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT SOUTH FORK

A terrible accident took place at South Fork Wednesday morning that cost Willie Williams his life. He was working in a mill and attempted to put on a belt with the machinery in motion. His clothing caught in the machinery and he was whirled about until one of his feet were torn off, the other badly crushed, one arm broken, his scalp badly lacerated and he was otherwise badly injured.

Dr. Hood was called to attend him but he died shortly after the doctor's arrival. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Williams, and was 25 years of age. His father is now in the east.

The body was brought in last night and is being prepared for burial.

The "Press Press" extends its sympathy to parents and relatives in this hour of sorrow.—Elko Free Press.

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DIAMOND DRILL TO OPERATE IN THE FRACTION

WILL START AT 400-FOOT LEVEL TO CATCH BIG COMBINATION LEDGE.

GOLDFIELD, April 1.—Operations with a diamond drill will commence at once upon the property of the Combination Fraction.

The purpose of the drill will be to locate the mammoth high grade ledge recently uncovered on all levels of the Combination No. 1 claim of the Consolidated No. 1 claim of the Consolidated Mines company and which is said to dip directly into the Fraction ground. Work will start from the 400-level and be prosecuted day and night.

Should the Fraction ground show this Combination ledge, it would place the property into the class of real bonanzas. Shipments to the Nevada-Golfield Reduction works at the rate of about 100 tons a day are being continued with out interruption. The ore averages about \$400 to the ton. A bar of bullion was turned out yesterday, the second since the property began shipping on its recent record. Three weeks ago a bar weighing 262 ounces was turned out, valued in the neighborhood of \$4000. The one turned out yesterday is considerable larger and may prove to be worth upwards of \$6000.

CANNOT HANDLE ORE PRODUCTION

(Special to the Bonanza.)

GOLDFIELD, April 1.—Three carloads of ore averaging forty tons each, were recently sent out from the Hubbard lease on the Mountain King. Benjamin Rosenthal yesterday received a letter from John H. Miller, principal owner of the bonanza lease, in which he says that the three cars of forty tons each embrace the biggest shipment yet made from the property. He adds that the lease has been shipping two carloads a day for some time, and that three a day is not without the realm of probability. On March 25 the teams hauled 1700 sacks of ore, and this record was equalled the following day. The average per day for the past thirty days, says Mr. Miller, has been 1000 sacks. Fourteen big ore teams are now employed steadily hauling ore. The drivers, however, can not keep up with the big output and frequently, says Mr. Miller, the men sacking ore are crowded from the platform by the heavy production.

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CHARLES EVANS SAYS PLACERS ARE GREAT

C. R. Evans, proprietor of the Evans bar at Manhattan and the Bank at Goldfield, and who was one of the successful early-day leasers in this camp, arrived from Goldfield, Monday, to remain. Yesterday he devoted the day in visiting the different placer leases in the gulch and came back as enthusiastic a person as one could wish to see. He said:

"Why, the placers are simply wonderful here and it will not surprise me to hear of someone coming up town any day with a bushel of nuggets. There are going to be some big pockets struck and a lot of money made. Within the next ninety days there will be more men working here than at any time in the history of the camp."

"Goldfield is waking up to the placers and there is lots of talk there about them."—Mail.

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